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I SAW THE PRIME MINISTER TODAY AT MY REQUEST. HE TOLD ME OF HIS MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT WHICH PUTS HIS CASE FOR SUMMIT MEETING AND HIS GREAT ANXIETY SUCH MEETING BE HELD. SINCE I HAVE NOT SEEN THIS AS YET I WILL NOT RECITE HIS ARGUMENTS SINCE PROBABLY HE REPETITIOUS BUT WILL COMMENT ON ANY DISCREPANCIES OR SHADINGS OF EMPHASIS WHEN TEXT AVAILABLE. HOWEVER CAN SAY MAIN THEME WAS KHRUSHCHEV OWNS THE BUSINESS AND IS ONLY ONE WHO WILL DO A TRADE AFFECTING IT. IN RESPONSE MY QUESTION HE AFFIRMED THIS GOES FOR TEST TALKS AS WELL AND I THINK PM WILL AGREE THESE SHOULD BE RECESSED.

I ASKED IF DE GAULLE HAD AGREED TO SUMMIT AND HIS REPLY WAS "I THINK SO; IN HIS HEART." MACMILLAN INCLINES TO PARIS BUT FEELS K WOULD LOVE NEW YORK.

AS TO DE GAULLE'S REAL ATTITUDE ABOUT NATO HE WAS CONVINCED DE GAULLE NOT OPPOSED TO IT BUT CANNOT UNDERSTAND ITS COMMAND STRUCTURE AND PREFERENCES WORLD WAR I SEPARATE COMMANDS. PM PUT THE FLEET MATTER TO HIM STRONGLY AND "HOPES" HE MAY RECONSIDER.

HE FELT TALKS WITH DE GAULLE HAS GONE VERY WELL AND FOUND DE GAULLE REASONABLE.

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